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TO: Iowa Medicaid Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP),
Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Anesthesia Base Unit Updates

EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2017

The IME has reviewed the current anesthesia base units and noted that some anesthesia procedure code base units do not align with Medicare base units, when converted to a unit of service equal to one minute. These changes are consistent with provisions under 441 Iowa Administrative Code 79.1(7)"d".

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2017, the following changes will be made to the anesthesia base units for the procedure codes listed below, for Iowa Medicaid FFS and IA Health Link claims.

Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Base Unit*	Updated Medicaid Base Unit*	Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Base Unit*	Updated Medicaid Base Unit*
00142	90	60	01173	120	180
00326	120	105	01215	90	150
00529	120	165	01432	75	90
00537	150	105	01770	120	90
00539	225	270	01924	75	90
00548	225	255	01926	150	120
00550	225	150	01951	60	45
00635	120	60	01952	60	75
00640	195	45	01953	60	15
00797	150	165	01965	90	60
00836	45	90	01966	90	60
01112	90	75	01968	105	30
01150	120	150	01969	5	75

*The anesthesia base units for ARNPs are calculated at 85 percent of the amounts in the table.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.